

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as indicated below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-63. (Cancelled)

64. (Currently Amended) A server-based shipping management computer system comprising at least one server computer, said server computer comprising a computer usable medium having a computer readable program code embodied therein, said computer readable program code adapted to be executed ~~that is programmed for:~~

receiving, from a user, a user input through a remote client computer of a set of package specifications for a particular package that is to be delivered to a particular destination and an indication of a shipping date;

in response to receiving the set of package specifications and the indication of the shipping date:

transforming the user input into determining a first shipping rate, said first shipping rate being a rate that a first carrier would charge to deliver said package to said destination according to a first delivery service and according to the shipping date,

transforming the user input into determining a second shipping rate, said second shipping rate being a rate that said first carrier would charge to deliver said package to said destination according to a second delivery service and according to the shipping date,

transforming the user input into determining a third shipping rate, said third shipping rate being a rate that a second carrier would charge to deliver said package to said destination according to a third delivery service and according to the shipping date,

transforming the user input into determining a fourth shipping rate, said fourth shipping rate being a rate that said second carrier would charge to deliver

said package to said destination according to a fourth delivery service and
according to the shipping date, and

simultaneously displaying said first, second, third, and fourth shipping
rates to ~~said user~~ a display device operable with the remote client computer;

receiving a request from said user through the remote client computer to ship
said package on the shipping date to said destination via a particular delivery service,
said particular delivery service being selected from a group consisting of: (A) said first
delivery service; (B) said second delivery service; (C) said third delivery service, and (D)
said fourth delivery service; and

facilitating delivery of said package to said destination via said particular delivery
service.

65. (Currently Amended) The server-based shipping management computer system
of Claim 64, wherein said first delivery service and said third delivery service are both
next day delivery services.

66. (Currently Amended) The server-based shipping management computer system
of Claim 64, wherein said first delivery service and said third delivery service are both
second day delivery services.

67. (Currently Amended) The server-based shipping management computer system
of Claim 64, wherein said step of simultaneously displaying said first, second, third, and
fourth shipping rates to said user comprises:

generating a simultaneous display of said first, second, third, and fourth shipping
rates; and

transmitting said simultaneous display to ~~[[a]]~~ the remote client computer for
display on a display device operable ~~screen associated with said~~ remote client
computer.

68. (Currently Amended) The server-based shipping management computer system
of Claim 64, ~~wherein said shipping management computer system is further~~

~~programmed-said computer readable program code further adapted to be executed~~ for:

identifying a first day on which said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination, according to the shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said first delivery service;

identifying a second day on which said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination, according to the shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said second delivery service; and

simultaneously displaying to ~~a user~~ the display device:

a first delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination, according to the shipping date, on said first day if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said first delivery service; and

a second delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination, according to the shipping date, on said second day if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said second delivery service.

69. (Currently Amended) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 68, ~~wherein said shipping management computer system is further programmed-said computer readable program code further adapted to be executed~~ for:

identifying a first time on said first day before which said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination, according to the shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said first delivery service;

identifying a second time on said second day before which said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination, according to the shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said second delivery service; and

displaying to ~~said user~~ the display device:

a third delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination, according to the shipping date, before said first time on said first day if said first carrier were to deliver said package

to said destination via said first delivery service; and

a fourth delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination, according to the shipping date, before said second time on said first day if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said second delivery service.

70. (Currently Amended) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 69, wherein said first day and said second day are the same day.

71. (Currently Amended) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 69, ~~wherein said shipping management computer system is further programmed said computer readable program code further adapted to be executed for:~~
simultaneously displaying to said user the display device: (1) said first, second, third and fourth shipping rates; and (2) said first, second, third, and fourth delivery schedule indicia.

72. (Currently Amended) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 64, ~~wherein said shipping management computer system is further programmed said computer readable program code further adapted to be executed for:~~
identifying a first day on which said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination, according to the shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said first delivery service;
identifying a second day on which said second carrier would deliver said package to said destination, according to the shipping date, if said second carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said third delivery service;
said first delivery service is a next day delivery service;
said third delivery service is a next day delivery service; and
said first day and said second day are different days.

73. (Currently Amended) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 64, ~~wherein said shipping management computer system is further~~

~~programmed~~ said computer readable program code further adapted to be executed for:

identifying a first day on which said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination, according to the shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said first delivery service;

identifying a second day on which said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination, according to the shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said second delivery service; and

identifying a third day on which said second carrier would deliver said package to said destination, according to the shipping date, if said second carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said third delivery service;

identifying a fourth day on which said second carrier would deliver said package to said destination, according to the shipping date, if said second carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said fourth delivery service; and

simultaneously displaying to ~~a user~~ the display device:

a first delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination on said first day if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said first delivery service;

a second delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination on said second day if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said second delivery service;

a third delivery schedule indicia indicating that said second carrier would deliver said package to said destination on said third day if said second carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said third delivery service;

a fourth delivery schedule indicia indicating that said second carrier would deliver said package to said destination on said fourth day if said second carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said fourth delivery service:

74. (Currently Amended) A server-based shipping management computer system comprising at least one server computer, said server computer comprising a computer usable medium having a computer readable program code embodied therein, said computer readable program code adapted to be executed ~~that is programmed for:~~

transforming an input by a user through a particular remote client computer of a particular shipping date and package specifications for a particular package, into identifying a first day on which a first carrier would deliver ~~[[a]]the~~ particular package to a particular destination according to a particular shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via a first delivery service;

further transforming the input into identifying a second day on which said first carrier would deliver said particular package to said destination according to the particular shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said particular package to said destination via a second delivery service;

further transforming the input into identifying a third day on which a second carrier would deliver said particular package to said destination according to the particular shipping date, if said second carrier were to deliver said particular package to said destination via a third delivery service;

further transforming the input into identifying a fourth day on which said second carrier would deliver said particular package to said destination according to the particular shipping date, if said second carrier were to deliver said particular package to said destination via a fourth delivery service; and

simultaneously displaying to a user display device operable with the remote client computer:

(A) a first delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said particular package to said destination on said first day if said first carrier were to deliver said particular package to said destination via said first delivery service;

(B) a second delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said particular package to said destination on said second day if said first carrier were to deliver said particular package to said destination via said second delivery service;

(C) a third delivery schedule indicia indicating that said second carrier would deliver said particular package to said destination on said third day if said second carrier were to deliver said particular package to

said destination via said third delivery service; and

(D) a fourth delivery schedule indicia indicating that said second carrier would deliver said particular package to said destination on said fourth day if said second carrier were to deliver said particular package to said destination via said fourth delivery service.

75. (Currently Amended) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 74, ~~wherein said shipping management computer system is further programmed~~ said computer readable program code further adapted to be executed for:

receiving a request from said user to ship said particular package to said destination via a particular delivery service, said particular delivery service being selected from a group consisting of: (A) said first delivery service; (B) said second delivery service; (C) said third delivery service, and (D) said fourth delivery service; and

facilitating delivery of said particular package to said destination via said particular delivery service.

76. (Currently Amended) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 75, ~~wherein said shipping management computer system is further programmed~~ said computer readable program code further adapted to be executed for:

identifying a first time on said first day before which said first carrier would deliver said particular package to said destination according to the particular shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said particular package to said destination via said first delivery service;

identifying a second time on said second day before which said first carrier would deliver said particular package to said destination according to the particular shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said particular package to said destination via said second delivery service; and

displaying to ~~said user~~ the display device operable with the remote client computer:

a fifth delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said

particular package to said destination before said first time on said first day if said first carrier were to deliver said particular package to said destination via said first delivery service; and

a sixth delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said particular package to said destination before said second time on said first day if said first carrier were to deliver said particular package to said destination via said second delivery service.

77. (Currently Amended) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 76, wherein said first day and said second day are the same day.

78. (Currently Amended) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 76, ~~wherein said shipping management computer system is further programmed~~ said computer readable program code further adapted to be executed for:
simultaneously displaying[[,]] to said user the display device operable with the remote client computer, said first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth delivery schedule indicia.

79. (Currently Amended) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 75, ~~wherein said shipping management computer system is further programmed~~ said computer readable program code further adapted to be executed for:
identifying a first time on said first day before which said first carrier would deliver said particular package to said destination according to the particular shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said particular package to said destination via said first delivery service;

identifying a second time on said second day before which said first carrier would deliver said particular package to said destination according to the particular shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said particular package to said destination via said second delivery service;

identifying a third time on said third day before which said second carrier would deliver said particular package to said destination according to the particular shipping

date, if said second carrier were to deliver said particular package to said destination via said third delivery service;

identifying a fourth time on said fourth day before which said second carrier would deliver said particular package to said destination according to the particular shipping date, if said second carrier were to deliver said particular package to said destination via said fourth delivery service; and

displaying to said user the display device operable with the remote client computer:

a fifth delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said particular package to said destination before said first time on said first day if said first carrier were to deliver said particular package to said destination via said first delivery service;

a sixth delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said particular package to said destination before said second time on said second day if said first carrier were to deliver said particular package to said destination via said second delivery service;

a seventh delivery schedule indicia indicating that said second carrier would deliver said particular package to said destination before said third time on said third day if said second carrier were to deliver said particular package to said destination via said third delivery service; and

a eighth delivery schedule indicia indicating that said second carrier would deliver said particular package to said destination before said fourth time on said fourth day if said second carrier were to deliver said particular package to said destination via said fourth delivery service.